

CONGRATULATING MOBILE'S UMS-WRIGHT FOR CAPTURING 4-A FOOTBALL TITLE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mobile's UMS-Wright Preparatory School for a hard-fought season and a tremendous victory to capture the Alabama High School Athletic Association's (AHSAA) 4-A football championship.

On December 7, 2012, the UMS-Wright Bulldogs (13–2) defeated the Oneonta Redskins (14–1) by a resounding 42 to 14 margin.

Reaching the pinnacle of gridiron achievement is familiar territory for the Bulldogs. UMS-Wright has appeared in the AHSAA state championship game on seven different occasions, winning six ('87, '01, '02, '05, '08, '12).

UMS-Wright has more division 4-A state titles than any other school in Alabama and Head Coach and Athletic Director Terry Curtis shares the AHSAA record for most state title victories held by a single coach at five. Over his 13-year tenure, Coach Curtis has amassed a record of 155 and 38.

The 2012 UMS-Wright seniors had never been to the Super 6 championship game. With four years having passed since the last trip, this trip also marked the first time for any at the school, coaches included, to have the opportunity to play on the home field of the Auburn Tigers. The Super 6 was previously held at Birmingham's Legion Field, but, like the celebrated college Iron Bowl, the game venue now rotates between Tuscaloosa's Bryant-Denny and Auburn's Jordan-Hare stadium. What a truly amazing experience it must be for these young men to play on the same field they often watch in awe on any given fall football Saturday.

The championship game was a thrilling contest that ultimately proved the superiority of the Bulldogs over the top-ranked Redskins. Seconds before the half, UMS-Wright Safety Sam Pettway forced a fumble on the Bulldog three yard line that resulted in a touchback. A touchdown would have evened the game at 21. In the third quarter, after a couple of stalled drives by both squads and coming on 3rd and 32, QB Gunner Roach completed a 33 yard strike to T.J. Dixon in the back of the end zone, making the score 28 to 14. Dixon finished the day with five catches for 86 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore RB Troy Dixon was named Class 5A MVP. He ran for 232 yards on 23 carries and scored three times. UMS-Wright stopped Oneonta twice on fourth down, recovered three fumbles and picked off a pair of passes.

Congratulations to Head Coach Terry Curtis, Assistant Coaches Brett Boutwell, Brandon Dean, Richard Ellisor, Gerald Jones, and Jim Sudeiha, and to the Bulldogs, Troy Dixon, Tyrone Dixon, Charles Philips, George Williams, Kendrell Perine, Richard Pipkins, Sam Pettway, Christian Pearsall, Bobby Guthans, Tanner Allen, Robert Beard, Douglas Barber,

Easton Russ, Gunner Roach, John Watts, Gordan Stimpson, D'andre Smith, Allen Ladd, Jack White, Timothy Shaw, Jaylon Jones, Hunter Lanier, Champ White, Johnathan Thornton, Jawon McDowell, Benjamin Radcliff, Henry Vanhaneghan, John Pipes, Dex Harvey, Cutter Stimpson, Kemper Sarrett, Thomas Harmon, Walker Chandler, Thomas Taylor, Tucker Powell, Christopher Majure, Kyle Pugh, Cory Fillingim, Nelson Lyons, Christopher Quinnelly, Forbes Sirmon, Kahlil Traywick, Bobby Weinacker, Landon Powell, Christian Hollinghead, Brett Patterson, Glen Barlow, Charles Roush, Andrew Howell, Tyler Guesnard, Gus Addison, Jacob Hurdle, Jack Blankenship, Thomas Iturbe, John Mostellar, Garrett Hollinghead, Charlie Hon, Timothy Squires, Blakely Addison, Hayden Williams, Will Baynes, Andrew Bradley, Ethan Jones, Marvin Mostellar, Emerson Majure, Trenton Fowler, Breland Meador, and Chauncey Callier.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHARON A. BARKELOO

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Sharon A. Barkeloo upon her retirement.

Sharon has provided outstanding professional service as a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure staff since 1999, serving each of the past four Chairmen in a bipartisan manner.

During this time, her expertise in budget issues has been instrumental to achieving the Committee's goals, especially with regard to the budgetary treatment of the transportation trust funds. In addition to her Full Committee assignments, Sharon also served on the Subcommittee on Aviation staff during my chairmanship of that Subcommittee, assisting in the development of the nation's legislative response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, as well as other aviation legislation. Sharon is one of the most talented and knowledgeable people in the United States when it comes to navigating the complicated and cumbersome federal transportation budgeting processes. I know I speak for several of my colleagues when I say that we will miss her expertise, her guidance, her counsel and her smiling face.

Prior to her tenure with the Committee, Sharon also served for eight years in the Office of Management and Budget's Transportation Branch, and four years with the Department of Justice Budget Staff.

I thank Sharon for her assistance to me and our Committee, her commitment to good government, and her professional work over the past 25 years. I know her parents, Ed and Mary Ellen Barkeloo, are very proud of Sharon, as are we all, and I wish her every future success as she retires from Federal service and returns to her home State of Ohio.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. WALLACE LEINWAND

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Wallace Leinwand, of Elizabethtown, North Carolina, for his commitment and service to his community. Mr. Leinwand was a public servant, community businessman, devoted family man and a dear friend to me and my family. Mr. Leinwand passed away on December 6, 2012, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Leinwand was born in Branchtown, South Carolina, but moved to Elizabethtown, North Carolina at the age of 13. He served in the United States Air Force from 1943–1946, when he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He then returned to Elizabethtown to aid his father in running the family business, Leinwand's, which he would in turn come to own, and which is now the oldest continuous business in Elizabethtown after 77 years in operation.

Yet, Mr. Leinwand served as more than just a business owner to the people of Bladen County. Driven by love for his community and its people, he served as Mayor Pro-Tempore, and later, Mayor of Elizabethtown, President of Elizabethtown Rotary Club and Elizabethtown Jaycees, Chairman of the East Bladen High School Advisory Council, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank. His contributions to these and numerous other civic organizations demonstrate his lifelong pride in his community.

Mr. Leinwand was also an avid supporter of Bladen County athletics. In addition to his work as a founding organizer of the Elizabethtown Little League, he was also a chief booster for the athletics programs of Elizabethtown High School, Bladen Central High School, East Bladen High School, and middle school sports.

Mr. Speaker, may we never forget the goodness, humility, service, and character that defined the life of Wallace Leinwand. His record of community and civic service will long be a legacy that will benefit all of the citizens of Elizabethtown and Bladen County. I know that his personal friendship with my father and their work together in the North Carolina Jaycees established a relationship with his family that has continued to bless my family now for three generations, and I'm sure will continue into the future. In fact, his son, Ricky Leinwand, who now runs the family business and serves on the Town Council of Elizabethtown, has continued his father's legacy of a very special friendship with my family.

May God continue to bless Mr. Leinwand's beloved wife, Shirley, all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.